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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claim 1 (Currently Amended). A film viewer comprising:

a portable housing formed with a base and a viewing window for receiving films to be viewed, face;

a handle mounted formed in the base of the said housing to facilitate for facilitating handling of said portable housing, said housing being configured so that said handle is concealed when said film viewer is resting on a flat surface.;

a film grip assembly mounted on said portable housing adjacent said viewing window for holding films;

a lamp disposed beneath said viewing window for illuminating said viewing window;

an electrical power source for providing electrical power to said lamp, wherein said housing is configured as a clipboard forming a portable film viewer; and

an automatic control circuit for switching said source of electrical power on whenever which includes an electronic sensor a microswitch and an actuator, said actuator having a normal position when there no films in the film grip assembly and a second position when a film is disposed in said film grip assembly, said actuator being disposed adjacent to the film grip assembly and configured to move from said normal position to said second position whenever a film is disposed in said film grip assembly causing said automatic control circuit to turn on said source of electrical power, senses a film and returning to said normal position when

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said film is removed from said film grip assembly and causing said turning off said source of power ~~when said film is removed.~~

Claim 2 (Original). The film viewer as recited in claim 1, wherein said electrical power source is DC.

Claim 3 (Original). The film viewer as recited in claim 1, wherein said electrical power source is AC.

Claim 4 (Cancelled).

Claim 5 (Previously Presented). The film viewer as recited in claim 1, wherein said electronic sensor includes a microswitch.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented). The film viewer as recited in claim 1, wherein said electronic sensor includes an optical sensor.

Claim 7 (Original). The film viewer as recited in claim 1, wherein said housing is a molded plastic housing.

Claim 8 (Original). The film viewer as recited in claim 1, wherein said film grip assembly includes a top plate connected to the housing in a cantilever configuration defining a film receiving slot.

Claim 9 (Original). The film viewer as recited in claim 8, wherein said top plate includes one or more bosses and said film grip assembly includes one or more balls and one or more springs, said one or more balls received in said one or more bosses with said one or more springs and configured such that said one or more balls are biased toward said housing.

Claim 10 (Cancelled).

Claim 11 (Cancelled).

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Claim 12 (Currently Amended). A film viewer comprising:

a housing formed with a base and a viewing window for receiving films to be viewed, said housing configured to rest on a flat surface;

a film grip assembly mounted on said housing adjacent said viewing window for holding films;

a lamp disposed beneath said viewing window for illuminating said viewing window;

an electrical power source for providing electrical power to said lamp, wherein said housing is configured as a clipboard forming a portable viewer;

an automatic control circuit which includes an optical sensor for switching said source of electrical power on whenever a film is inserted into the film grip assembly and turning off said source of electrical power when said film is removed; and

a knob for handling said film viewer, wherein said knob is formed in said base of ~~en~~ said housing being configured so that said knob is to be concealed when said film viewer is resting on a flat surface.